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**Title** records local deaths Beulah Gibson Acre

**Date** 10/26/1990

**Byline**

Beulah Gibson Acre, 95, of 1926 Sussex Drive, Owensboro, formerly of Evansville, died Thursday, Oct. 25, 1990, at Mercy Hospital. She was born in Crawfordsville, Ind., attended Indiana University, was a 75-year member of Pi Beta Phi National Fraternity and was a long-time board member of the Vanderburgh County Christian Home. She was also a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. Her husband, Dr. Robert R. Acre, died in 1976.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Joan Acre Robertson of Owensboro; two grandchildren, Mrs. H. Edgar (Karen) Hill of Louisville and Mrs. John (Martha) Tarrant of Lexington; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are pending at Glenn Funeral Home. Entombment in Oak Hill Mausoleum, Evansville. The family will receive visitors at home at 1926 Sussex Drive. The family requests that expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Trinity Episcopal Church, 720 Ford Ave., Owensboro, Ky. 42301. Contribution envelopes are available at Glenn Funeral Home.

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**Title** deaths Adley Booker Robertson

**Date** 04/03/2004

**Byline**

Adley Booker Robertson, 80, of 10415 Hall School Road, Owensboro died at 5:45 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 2004, at his home surrounded by his devoted family. He went to his heavenly father and new home. He was born May 17, 1923, in Owensboro and retired from G.E. after 34 years as a mechanic. He was a veteran of the Merchant Marines. He was a member of Curdsville Baptist Church where he served as deacon for several years. Adley enjoyed teaching Sunday school and other church activities, spending time with his family and woodworking. After retirement Adley and Wanda enjoyed raising a very large vegetable and fruit garden for their friends and family and loved ones, enjoyed bird hunting and raising Brittany spaniels on Adley's Brittany ranch. He was past member of the Order of Odd Fellows Brothers Lodge #132. Adley was a devoted Christian, husband, father, friend and was loved dearly by many and will be sadly missed by all. He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Booker Robertson on Dec. 17, 1988; and his mother, Hazel Galloway Robertson in 1981.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Wanda Jewell Robertson; five children, a son, Henry Booker "Bob" Robertson II of Owensboro, and four daughters, Cheryle Floyd of Calhoun, Vickie Hofmann of Louisville, Holly Vineyard of Owensboro and Debbie Settle of Owensboro; 15 grandchildren, Henry Booker "Rob" Robertson III, Steven Robertson, Ashley Robertson Ray, Andy Robertson, Mishiele Floyd Coomes, Leta Ford Partlow, Karen Floyd Brooks, Nisa Floyd Harper, Tracy Vineyard Alvey, Robin Vineyard Clark, Michael Vineyard, Kimberly Brown Aulick, Nicole Brown, Russell Settle Jr., D.M.D. and Lisa Settle Taylor; 28 great-grandchildren; one brother, Charles Herman Robertson of Winterhaven, Fla.; four sisters, Doris Robertson Kapperman of Lake Placid, Fla., Norma Robertson Jobe of Huntington, W.Va., Carol Robertson of Owensboro and Joyce Robertson Floyd of Cookeville, Tenn.

Services are at 2 p.m. Monday at Haley-McGinnis & Owensboro Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. James Wedding and the Rev. Tom Pelphrey officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Kentucky Baptist Children's Home. Online condolences may be left at [www.haleymcginnis.com](http://www.haleymcginnis.com).

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**Title** records local deaths Henry B Robertson

**Date** 12/19/1988

**Byline**

Henry B. Robertson, 88, of Lake Placid, Fla., formerly of Owensboro, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 1988, at Highland Regional Memorial Center of Lake Placid. He was born in McLean County, was a retired farmer, and was a member of Community Baptist Church of Lake Placid and a U.S. Army veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Robertson; two sons, Adley Booker Robertson of Owensboro and Charles H. Robertson of Winter Haven, Fla.; four daughters, H. Doris Kapperman of Lake Placid, Norma R. Jobe of Barboursville, W.Va., Helen Carole Ferguson of Lexington, Tenn., and Lillian Joyce Floyd of Cookeville, Tenn.; four stepsons, Dr. D.L. Wilkey of San Francisco, Calif., Rob Wilkey of Franklin, Rusty Wilkey of Owensboro and Dr. Samuel Wade Wilkey of Bowling Green; 23 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Haley-McGinnis Funeral Home. Burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Elba. Visitation after 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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**Title** Services held at Monroe's grave

**Date** 09/01/2003

**Byline** Mark Cooper

"Coming home, coming home,

"Nevermore to roam,

"Open wide thine arms of love,

"Lord, I'm coming home."

ROSINE - Bill Monroe had wanted someone to sing, "Lord, I'm Coming Home" at his funeral in 1996, but that song wasn't among the many that were sung that day.

In part to make up for that mistake, Campbell Mercer on Sunday led the crowd that had gathered at Monroe's resting place in Rosine in singing the traditional gospel hymn.

With bowed heads and a tear or two, about 50 friends and fans of the late Father of Bluegrass music crowded around his grave marker to pay their respects during a graveside prayer and singing service.

"We did it for Bill," said Mercer, executive director of the Bill Monroe Foundation, referring to the first ever service to kick off the last day of the foundation's Jerusalem Ridge Blue Grass Celebration. "We did it because we think he can hear it."

The four-day festival ended Sunday after an afternoon of gospel and bluegrass music, some of it performed by groups and artists with close ties to Monroe during his performing days.

Mercer said he hopes to "start a new tradition" with the graveside service during the festival. Most festival visitors pay their respects at the grave sometime during the event, anyway, he said.

Lillimae and the Dixie Gospelaire performed most of the music during the hour-long service. Songs included Monroe's "Memories of Mother and Dad" and "The Old Crossroads."

Before the service, someone laid five quarters on the grave, no doubt a tribute to Monroe's habit of giving quarters to children he met.

The service ended with the entire crowd gathered around the towering monument of white North Carolina granite to sing "Amazing Grace."

"I hope people appreciate what Campbell has done," said Mary Robertson, 81, of Owensboro before the service. "This county needs something like this. We need to keep bluegrass in Kentucky - right here - not in Nashville, Tenn."

While Monroe's life came to an end, his music will live forever, said the Rev. Mike Taylor, former pastor of the Rosine Methodist Church where Monroe grew up. Taylor is now pastor for the Goshen and Cromwell United Methodist churches.

Taylor spoke about Monroe's hardships during his life, including losing his mother when he was 9 and his father when he was 16.

"It's amazing he made it, let alone made it so well," Taylor said.

Leslie Wainwright, 48, of Saraland, Ala., couldn't help but weep a little as the musicians played "Memories of Mother and Dad," which includes the lyrics:

"Their souls have gone up to heaven

"Where they'll dwell with God above

"Where they'll meet their friends and loved ones

"And share with all his precious love."

"I just loved the music," said Wainwright, who said she became a bluegrass music fan two years ago. "I just love the old timey sound of it. It brings you back to a simpler time. It makes me feel peaceful. I've got a fiddle a few months ago, and I'm going to learn to play it."

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